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IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) An arrangement for transmitting a page, the arrangement comprising: an input to receive DTMF tones constituting a page from a source; logic on a converter to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol; and an output to provide the SMPP protocol to a paging device.
- (Previously presented) The arrangement of claim 1 further comprising:
 a Short Message Service Center to receive the SMPP protocol and to form a Short Message
 Service (SMS) message.
- 3. (Currently amended) The arrangement of claim 2 further comprising:
 a switching network element to receive the SMS message ad to route the SMS message to [[a]]
 the paging device.
- 4. (Currently amended) A method of sending a page to a paging device, the method comprising:
 receiving DTMF tones constituting a page from a source;
 converting the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol; and
 providing the SMPP protocol to a Short Message Service Center.
- 5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising: receiving the DTMF tones from a Public Switched Telephone Network.

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- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 further comprising: forming a Short Message Service (SMS) message from the SMPP protocol.
- 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising: communicating the SMS message to [[a]] the paging device.
- 8. (Currently amended) A method of sending a page to a paging device, the method comprising:
- a first paging device providing paging information as DTMF tones;
- a first network element converting the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol;
- a second network element converting the SMPP protocol to an SMS message comprising the paging information; and

providing the SMS message to a second paging device.

(Previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
 the first paging device providing the DTMF tones to a Public Switched Telephone Network
 (PSTN); and

the PSTN communicating the DTMF tones to the network element to convert to SMPP protocol.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
the first paging device providing the DTMF tones to one of a Voice Mail System (VMS) and a
Private Branch Exchange (PBX); and

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the one of VMS and PBX communicating the DTMF tones to the network element to convert to SMPP protocol.